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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 JOSEPH GARY ORTA,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 PAUL LUDLOW, et al.,

15 Defendants.
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1:17-cv-01368-GSA (PC)

ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE
DISTRICT OF NEVADA, RENO DIVISION

17 Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a civil rights action pursuant to 42
18 U.S.C. § 1983.

19 The federal venue statute requires that a civil action, other than one based on diversity
20 jurisdiction, be brought only in “(1) a judicial district where any defendant resides, if all
21 defendants reside in the same state, (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events
22 or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of the property that is the
23 subject of the action is situated, or (3) a judicial district in which any defendant may be found, if
24 there is no district in which the action may otherwise be brought.” 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

25 In this case, none of the defendants reside in this district. The claim arose in Washoe
26 County, which is in the District of Nevada, Reno Division. Therefore, plaintiff’s claim should
27 have been filed in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada, Reno Division. In
28 the interest of justice, a federal court may transfer a complaint filed in the wrong district to the

1 correct district. See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Starnes v. McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir.
2 1974).

3 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United
4 States District Court for the District of Nevada, Reno Division.

5 IT IS SO ORDERED.
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7 Dated: October 18, 2017

/s/ Gary S. Austin
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE